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This paper is a request for a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR §1.53(d) of:

Applicant: ARNE H. DEGGERDAL AND FRANK LARSEN
Title: ISOLATION OF NUCLEIC ACID

Prior U.S. Application No: 08/849,686
Filing Date: August 21, 1997

The prior application was complete as defined by 37 CFR §1.51(b), or was a national stage of an international application filed in compliance with 35 USC §371.

This request for a CPA is the reference to the prior application noted above as required by 35 USC §120. Kindly abandon the prior application in favor of the continued proceedings that are requested herein.

The prior application is assigned of record to Dynal AS, a Norwegian corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on February 3, 1999 at 9735/0679.

Filed herewith is a Response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 18, 2001. Applicants request that the Response be entered as part of this CPA, prior to calculating the filing fee.

This request includes two sheets.

Enclosures:

- Response, 13 pages.
- Petition for Extension of Time.
- Postcard.

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The entire disclosure of the prior application is part of this application and is incorporated by reference.

Basic filing fee	\$740
Total claims in excess of 20 times \$18	\$162
Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$84	\$252
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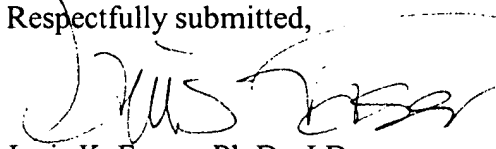
If this application is found to be incomplete, or if a telephone conference would otherwise be helpful, please call the undersigned at (617) 542-5070.

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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed July 18, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 2, 3, 4, 18, and 26.

Amend claims 1, 14-16, and 24 as follows.

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1. (Amended) A method of isolating genomic DNA from a sample, said method comprising (a) contacting said sample with a detergent and a solid support in the absence of any chaotropic agent, the solid support comprising an organic polymer, whereby soluble genomic DNA in said sample is bound to the support in a sequence-independent manner in the presence of the detergent and absence of any chaotropic agent, and (b) separating said support with bound genomic DNA from the sample.

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14. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the genomic DNA is eluted from the support, following separation from the sample.

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15. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the genomic DNA is eluted by heating.

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